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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5	Transit Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modifies the funding for the Visalia Intermodal Transit Facility by programming \$3,008,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2002/03. The project includes funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5305.• Changes the description of City of Tulare- Two 30 Passenger Transit LNG Bus Engines. The original project scope was to acquire four CNG bus engines. The amendment also modifies the funding by programming \$70,000 in FY 2002/03. The project includes funding from Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The projects included in this amendment have been found by the TCAG to conform to applicable air quality conformity requirements. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP

Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The TCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Chief

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Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
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